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DEQ POLICY MEMORANDUM PM10-04

POLICY FOR "REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES SOLELY ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE" FOR I/M PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to define and help clarify the intent of IDAPA 58.01.01.517.05.h, "registered motor vehicles engaged solely in the business of agriculture", and to help ensure the exemption applicability is applied consistently and correctly in the Vehicle I/M Program.

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

IDAPA 58.01.01.517.05.h, "registered motor vehicles engaged solely in the business of agriculture", is not defined further in the I/M rules.

The definition of "farm vehicle" provided in Idaho Code 49-123(2)(d) helps clarify the intent of "registered motor vehicles engaged solely in the business of agriculture" for the purposes of the vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

A vehicle or combination of vehicles owned by a farmer or rancher, which are operated over public highways, and used exclusively to transport unprocessed agricultural, dairy or livestock products raised, owned and grown by the owner of the vehicle to market or place of storage; and shall include the transportation by the farmer or rancher of any equipment, supplies or products purchased by that farmer or rancher for his own use, and used in the farming or ranching operation or used by a farmer partly in transporting agricultural products or livestock from the farm of another farmer that were originally grown or raised on the farm, or when used partly in transporting agricultural supplies, equipment, materials or livestock to the farm of another farmer for use or consumption on the farm but not transported for hire, and shall not include vehicles of husbandry.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This policy shall be effective immediately.

Dated: August 10, 2010.

Toni Hardesty Director